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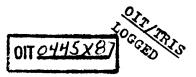OIT 0445X87

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SAFE Separation

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    1.   On 30 June 1987 Messrs. [   ] (DIA) and Maloney, [   ] met to discuss major issues involving the cessation of joint CIA-DIA SAFE development.   The meeting was a follow-up to the session held at the IC Staff on 17 June, attended by Messrs. Donnelly and Helgerson.

    2.   There are three major aspects to the SAFE separation -- AIM, programmatic and technical support, and funding.   DIA expressed considerable concern regarding AIM support because it now has virtually no in-house capability for maintenance on the AIM system.   It recognizes that it has to build this in-house capability and that it is entirely dependent on the CIA for training and for future AIM maintenance support.   DIA was advised that they would be better served if they initially used contractors to develop some AIM expertise; contractors could then train and develop DIA staff personnel.   OIT agreed, as part of an overall separation agreement, to provide AIM support as long as AIM is an operational system in CIA and to assist DIA in developing a cadre of AIM experts.   It was during this discussion and on several subsequent occasions during the meeting that CIA stressed to DIA that DIA must develop and support an infrastructure to have a useful SAFE program of its own and if it expects continuing CIA technical assistance.   CIA assured DIA that there will be little or no new functionality added to AIM; CIA efforts would be focused on performance issues.   We did alert DIA that next year OIT in collaboration with DI and DO would be investigating architectural issues surrounding AIM and SAFE.   It was also agreed that AIM documentation needed to be developed with priority.

    3.   With respect to programmatic and technical support, DIA wants CSPO to remain in existence through Delivery 4/1. While DIA has many complaints about the effectiveness of the

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Program Office, when given the opportunity to assume program
management responsibility for Delivery 4 -- the offer was
made at least four times -- DIA refused to take it on. It
appears that AIM and programmatic and technical matters
could be resolved, but this is not the case with regard to
funding. DIA, of course, wants CIA to continue contributing
30 percent of the cost of DIA-unique software development.
DIA people were told several times that the DI does not have
the resources and that we can contribute only about $2M in
FY88 for such development. When questioned as to what it
would take to complete DIA SAFE, DIA people refused to give
an answer, claiming they have little confidence in current
CSPO estimates. However, even if FY88 funding is estimated
with some confidence, DIA is not willing to give a bottom
line figure to us; DIA will not tell us what it will cost us
to buy out of this merger now. In effect, it wants a blank
check.

5.   Nevertheless, both agencies agreed that we do need
to get from CSPO within the next couple of months better
cost estimates for completion of Delivery 3 and Delivery

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Director of DIA that he forward a memorandum to the DDCI
requesting continued CIA funding support. DIA was reminded
several times that a request for continued funding without a
bottom line figure of what DIA needs to complete its SAFE

25X1   program is a nonstarter. [   ] stated that we would see a
draft of whatever General Perroots intends to forward to the
DDCI.

6.   As expected the meeting did not resolve the major
point of contention -- funding. While it is obvious that
CIA will have to contribute in FY88 something more than the
$2M already promised for DIA unique software development, we
should not make any further commitments until we get a
better definition and agreement from DIA on exactly how much
more we should put into its program.

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